

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 447  
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend James Rivera on  
receiving the Prudential Spirit of Community  
Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should  
pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have given unselfishly of themselves, their  
time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, James Rivera is one such remarkable public servant, a voice of compassion  
and a distinguished resident of Gallatin, who was recently honored with a 1998 Prudential Spirit  
of Community Award as the state's top high school volunteer; and

WHEREAS, for the past four summers, James Rivera has traveled to Mexico to build  
homes for the poor and underprivileged; and

WHEREAS, throughout his excellent community service, James Rivera has adhered to  
the common sense approach and has displayed the common touch in all endeavors, working  
well with old and young alike; and

WHEREAS, a concerned person whose willingness to help those in need knows no  
bounds, James Rivera is highly regarded as a student and friend in Gallatin and is as  
dependable and honest as the day is long; and

WHEREAS, James is a distinguished student at Sumner Academy in Gallatin and has  
proven to be a valuable asset to his school and to the community; and

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WHEREAS James Rivera is a true representative of the "Volunteer State" and is the perfect example of a person totally committed to family and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend James Rivera for his meritorious service to the community and congratulate him on being selected the Prudential Spirit of Community Award winner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Mr. Rivera continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.